बेनीपुर, दरभंगा (बिहार) में टी०वी० टावर की स्थापना

30. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार बेनीपुर, दरभंगा (बिहार) में टी०वी० केन्द्र अथवा टी०वी० टावर स्थापित करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) धनराशि की कमी।

Presentation of Programmes in AIR and Doordarshan

31. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that news reading and presentation of programmes in All India Radio and Doordarshan are altogether different streams;

(b) if so, the reasons for forcing presenters to read hourly news headlines in All India Radio, FM when there exists a battery of regular and casual Newsreaders in both Hindi and English; and

(c) if not, the reasons for booking casual Newsreaders for reading news headlines in Doordarshan when announcers on duty can be asked to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news updates, which conform to the general presentation style adopted for this channel, are being willingly read by the presenters/announcers.

(c) News reading on a visual medium such as Doordarshan is a specialised job which can be performed only by those persons who have been selected for it in the prescribed manner.

Fall in Rupee Value against Dollar

32. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the precentage of fall in the rupee value against dollar at the end of December, 1995 and since the beginning of 1996;

(b) the causes for the continuous depreciation in the rupee value against US dollar;

(c) the overall effect on the foreign debt repayment as a consequence thereof;

(d) the measures taken by Government to check the country's weakening economy; and

(e) what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The exchange rate of the rupee vis-a-vis the US dollar depreciated by 10.5 per cent at the end of December, 1995 compared with the rate at end March, 1995. The rupee-dollar rate on 23.2.96 shows a depreciation of the rupee of 3.8 per cent since the beginning of 1996.

(b) The exchange rate of the rupee is market determined. The depreciation of the rupee, in nominal terms, in recent months largely reflects a market correction for the real appreciation of the rupee, which had occurred since 1993-94 due to the inflation differential between India and the major trading partner coun-

tries. The excessive volatility in the foreign exchange market was, however, caused by speculative factors which have been actively countered by the RBI through appropriate measures.

(c) The movement in the exchange rate of the rupee has no effect on the repayment of foreign debt in foreign currencies, since foreign debt has to be repaid in the currencies in which the debt is denominated.

(d) and (e) The Indian economy remains strong judged by the growth in industrial and agricultural production, rise in employment, decleration in the rate of inflatioin, growth of exports, increase in non-debt creating foreign investment flows and decline in the external debt.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के आधुनिकीकरण और विस्तार हेतु कार्य योजना

33. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन के आधुनिकीकरण और विस्तार हेतु कोई समय-बद्ध कार्य योजना बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) ये कार्य योजनाएं कब तक कार्यान्वित की जाएंगी और इनसे राज्य के आदिवासी लोगों और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों को कितना लाभ पहुंचेगा?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद): (क) से (ग) आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन नेटवर्क का आधुनिकीकरण और विस्तार एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है। मध्य प्रदेश में कार्यान्वयनाधीन परियोजनाओं तथा उनके पूरा होने की संभावित तिथियों को दर्शाने वाला विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

Plant is 2100 MW (3×200 MW+3×500 MW).

(b) The energy generation of this plant during January's 96 was 1481 MU as against the target of 1383 MU, which is 107.1% of the target.

(c) The generation of central power stations is Southern India during the month of January '96 was as under:—

Central Project	Actual generation in Jan. '96 (MU)
Neyveli-I	246
Neyveli-II	799
MAPP	50

(d) There has been shortfall in generation as against the target in respect of Ramagundam STPS during the quarter October-December, 1995, when the coal supply to the station was interrupted. The station is however now generating more power and the generation during April '95 — 19th February '96 was 12760 MU as aginst the target of 12655 MU which is 100.8% of the target.

(e) The Southern States have been asking for maximising the generation from Ramagundam STPS. Steps have been taken accordingly to step up generation from this station.

विवरण

क्र०सं०	स्थान	परियोजना	पूर्ण होने की तिथि अनन्तिम
आकाशवाणी			
1.	* सरायपल्ली	1 कि० वा० मी० वे० ट्रांसमीटर स्थानीय रेडियो केन्द्र, बहुउद्देश्यीय स्टूडियो तथा स्टाफ क्वार्टर।	चालू स्कीम